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Hiroshi ITO, et al.	Allowed: July 16, 2006
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH MOVEABLE CLEANING OR TRANSFER MEMBER	

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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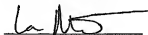
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